



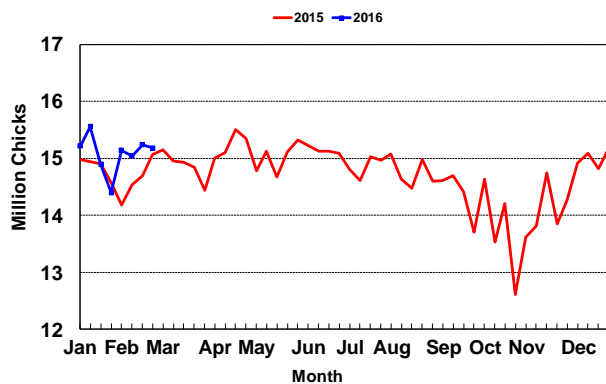
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Mississippi Chick Placements Up 1 Percent from Last Year

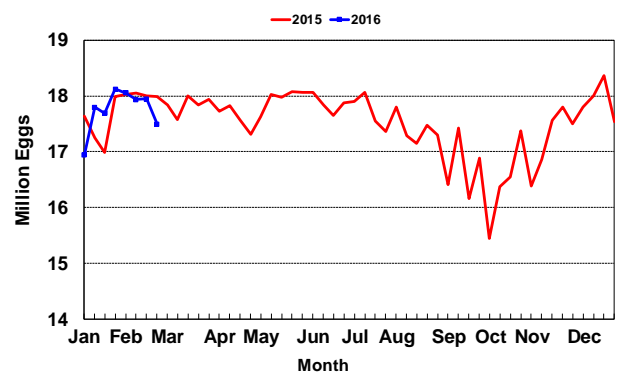
Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Mississippi were 15.2 million during the week ending February 20, 2016. Placements were up 1 percent from the comparable week in 2015 but down slightly from the previous week.

Mississippi hatcheries set 17.5 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending February 20, 2016, down 3 percent from the same period last year and down 3 percent from the previous week.

Chicks Placed In Mississippi, 2015-2016



Eggs Set In Mississippi, 2015-2016



Broiler Eggs Set and Chicks Placed in 19 Major States by Week, January 23, 2016 - February 20, 2016

State	Eggs Set					Chicks Placed				
	Week Ending					Week Ending				
	23-Jan	30-Jan	6-Feb	13-Feb	20-Feb	23-Jan	30-Jan	6-Feb	13-Feb	20-Feb
	1,000 eggs					1,000 chicks				
Alabama	29,261	29,621	29,156	29,447	29,323	22,369	21,739	21,562	20,936	21,433
Arkansas	21,778	21,767	21,231	21,648	22,156	20,540	19,569	19,533	21,166	20,013
Delaware	4,803	4,741	4,816	4,802	4,794	6,439	5,725	4,168	4,925	4,890
Florida	1,224	1,175	1,220	1,220	1,220	1,098	1,283	1,238	1,143	1,252
Georgia	34,409	34,811	34,658	34,201	34,436	25,339	27,576	26,800	27,823	27,688
Kentucky	7,967	7,934	7,992	8,024	8,052	6,295	6,062	6,207	5,992	5,987
Louisiana	3,470	3,726	3,788	3,138	3,712	2,994	2,997	3,028	2,969	3,182
Maryland	7,796	7,333	7,854	7,788	7,506	5,211	6,561	7,306	6,381	6,922
Mississippi	18,125	18,051	17,933	17,948	17,494	14,400	15,142	15,043	15,239	15,188
Missouri	7,877	8,071	7,961	8,008	7,913	6,126	5,675	6,163	5,138	5,887
N. Carolina	21,421	21,145	20,907	21,144	20,981	16,134	15,993	16,366	16,694	16,977
Oklahoma	6,738	7,036	6,748	7,006	6,911	3,856	4,912	4,737	3,925	4,675
Pennsylvania	4,394	4,555	4,988	4,787	4,510	3,892	3,913	3,987	3,384	3,690
S. Carolina	5,612	5,539	5,421	5,576	5,128	5,680	5,152	4,549	4,949	4,546
Texas	15,200	15,231	15,396	15,272	15,420	11,754	11,852	12,332	12,571	12,474
Virginia	6,305	5,941	6,007	6,344	6,383	5,528	5,085	6,079	5,430	4,438
CA,TN & WV	12,491	12,101	10,997	11,298	11,810	10,671	11,351	10,418	12,171	10,940
19 State Total	208,871	208,778	207,073	207,651	207,749	168,326	170,587	169,516	170,836	170,182
% of Prev. Year	101	102	100	100	100	99	101	100	102	101
Other States	7,979	7,896	8,139	8,040	8,077	6,000	6,543	6,579	6,237	6,572
U.S. Total	216,850	216,674	215,212	215,691	215,826	174,326	177,130	176,095	177,073	176,754

Revisions made to the previous four-week's data during the current week are published in this report.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Up Slightly

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 216 million eggs in incubators during the week ending February 20, 2016, up slightly from a year ago. Hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 208 million eggs in incubators during the week ending February 20, 2016, up slightly from the year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Broiler-Type Chicks Placed in the United States Up 2 Percent

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 177 million chicks for meat production during the week ending February 20, 2016, up 2 percent from a year ago. Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 170 million chicks for meat production during the week ending February 20, 2016, up 1 percent from the year earlier. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 9, 2016 through February 20, 2016 for the United States were 1.24 billion. Cumulative placements were up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.